

Chairperson's Statement On Publishing Information On Duty Day And Rest Periods

1. In accordance with Article VI, Section 1, Paragraph 14 of the Treaty on Open Skies and OSCC Journal No. 54, 17 February 1997, Annex 2, safety of flight for all Open Skies flights is considered of great importance and this can be enhanced through the application and sharing of national regulations which provide for limiting the length of time that personnel are required to be on duty, and which specify the amount of rest that personnel are entitled to, in order to ensure that their duties are carried out safely.
2. In order to promote a greater understanding amongst States Parties of each others' national rules with respect to duty and rest regulations, which will ensure safety of flight and permit more effective use of the 96 hour period, it is agreed that in fulfilling the requirements of OSCC Journal No. 54, 17 February 1997, Annex 2, States Parties will publish their national Flight Crew Duty Day and Rest Period regulations, via an OSF 35 prior to 15 July 2002 using the following common set of definitions:
3. "Duty Day" is the period of time from when the first Flight Crew member reports for duty to when the last Flight Crew member is released from duty (this includes mission and weather briefings, maintenance and other delays).
4. "Rest Period" is the period of time from when the last Flight Crew member is released from duty to when the first Flight Crew member reports for duty. This period includes the time required to transit to and from accommodations and the time required for meals.
5. States Parties may also publish national rules with respect to Duty Day and Rest Periods for Flight Representatives and Flight Monitors via an OSF 35.